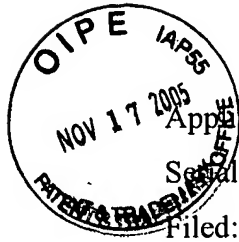


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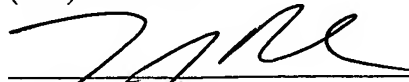
Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed July 1, 2005, said period of response being extended from October 1, 2005 to December 1, 2005.

Our check in the amount of \$225.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a small entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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